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Statement by Governor Jan Brewer

PHOENIX – "I agree with today's ruling by the Arizona Supreme Court that stated: 'The Court concludes that, after the Legislature finally passes a bill, the Legislature cannot delay presenting it to the Governor beyond that time needed to complete required ministerial duties.' Further, the ruling states, 'Presentment of the bills involved in this matter did not occur within the time mandated by the Arizona Constitution.'

"The Legislature should adhere to its clear constitutional and legal duties, and present me with the budget bills, passed 18 days ago, without further delay. Anything less than an expedient presentment of the bills to my office is clearly a violation of the Arizona Constitution as found today by the Supreme Court. The Legislature should not continue to hold these bills hostage, and should instead transmit the bills immediately."

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